



Christmas Mini Olympics



Station 1: Rob the Present (Rob the Nest)

Location: Basketball Court (slide side)

Instructions:

- Children split into 3 groups and all the presents are placed in the middle of the court.
- When the whistle blows, one member of each team runs to the presents and takes one at a time and brings it back to their group. When all the presents have been taken from the middle the children begin to rob other group's presents.
- They can only rob one present at a time and members of other teams are not allowed to intervene with opposing groups. Continue this until helpers call time.
- The groups with the most presents at the end are the winners.
- Game continues on with the next members of each group

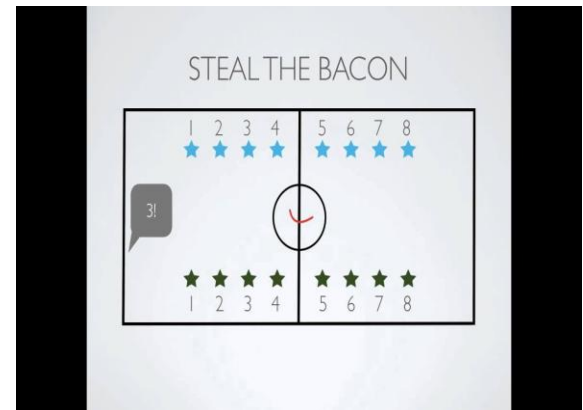


Station 2: Snatch the Santa (forest side)

Location: Basketball Court (forest side)

Instructions:

- Split children into 2 groups. Each child is given a number.
- Helper calls out a number i.e. 3 and the children who are number three on each team run out and try to snatch Santa from the centre of the court. The child who picks up the Santa first is the winner of the round and earns a point for their team.
- Team with the most points wins. (There does not need to be a winning team. Option there if teacher wants to make it more competitive.)



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Station 3: Santa Sack Race

Location: Grass area beside Senior Infants Classroom

- Split the children into 3 teams
- Children hop in the sack until they get to the rope and hop back.
- If the children are able to get in and out of the sack themselves it could be a relay race.

Station 4: Tinsel Tug of War

Location: Pitch

- Split the group into two teams. One team is at each end of the rope and they pull.
- Play multiple rounds. Teachers could join in too to add to the fun!

Find the Elf

Juniors (J.I. - 2nd)

Instructions:

- In groups of 3 or 4, children have to find real elves (active committee) located around the school. Release each group in 20 second intervals. When they find an elf, that elf will give them a bauble and tell them where to find the next elf. There are 8 elves in total. The children will complete the search when they find all 8 elves.



Seniors (3rd - 6th)

Instructions:

- Split children into pairs. Children will be given a clue to find the first elf before they start. When they find the first elf, it will contain a clue to find the next elf and a letter. The children will have to record this letter on the recording sheet given at the start of the activity. There are 7 elves in total to find and each elf contains a letter. At the end the children must crack the code to release the sweets.
- Send each pair off in 20 second intervals. To make the activity more competitive you could record the start and end time of each pair. (optional)